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SUBJECT: SECOND DAY OF STUDENT PROTEST MARCHES

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1. SUMMARY: ON THE SECOND DAY OF MARCHES TO PROTEST THE ARREST AND DETENTION OF STUDENT/TEACHER LEADERS (OF WHOM ONLY NINE ARE STILL HELD), SOME 300 ORDERLY DEMONSTRATORS MADE THEIR POINT WITH ONLY MINOR INCIDENTS. END SUMMARY.

2. THREE MAJOR LYCEES SUPPLIED ABOUT 100 PARTICIPANTS TO THIS MORNING'S (MAY 31) MARCH TO PROTEST RECENT ARRESTS OF STUDENTS AND TEACHERS. IN THE COURSE OF THEIR WALK FROM THE DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF NATIONAL POLICE TO THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND THEN ON TO THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR THE RANKS REPORTEDLY SWELLED TO 300 MAINLY SECOND-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DARY STUDENTS WITH A SPRINKLING OF TEACHERS. THE GROUP DIS-

PERSED BY NOON.

3. IN CONTRAST TO YESTERDAY'S QUIET GROUP, THE DEMONSTRATORS CARRIED A FEW BANNERS AND SHOUTED FOR THE RELEASE OF THEIR COMRADES. (THE GKR HAS RELEASED ALL BUT FIVE STUDENTS ARRESTED MAY 26 AND STILL HOLDS FOUR TEACHERS.) DESPITE THE NOISE AND INCREASE IN SIZE OVER YESTERDAY'S EFFORT (REFTEL), THE MARCH PRODUCED ONLY TWO MINOR INCIDENTS: A) ONE SHOT, APPARENTLY FIRED IN THE AIR, WENT OFF AS STUDENTS BROKE INTO THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION COMPOUND TO VOICE THEIR DEMANDS; AND B) DEMONSTRATORS RECOGNIZED AND HELD A PLAINCLOTHES POLICEMAN FOR A SHORT TIME BUT RELEASED HIM ON ORDER OF MARCH LEADERS.

4. COMMENT: ALL SIGNS POINT TO A CONTINUATION OF PROTEST MARCHES TOMORROW.
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